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Name of country: **Nepal**

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Headings:

1. General overview of recent major developments at the reporting library.

Nepal National Library has been designated as a national centre for providing ISSN number to Nepalese serial publications. It has been providing this number to the Nepalese journals since May 17, 2009, and till now a total number of forty serials have received the number.

The library organized week-long Basic Library Management Training at two different places i.e. Dhanusha and Bhojpur districts. The trainings were aimed at imparting basic knowledge about systematic and scientific way of managing and running a library to the community and academic libraries in the remote areas of Nepal. Such trainings have been carried out regularly as the library's annual programme since last year on its own resources.

2. Note of the reporting library's relationship to government, citation of legislation which sets out the library's mandate, and any other legislation which directly or indirectly affects the library's operations.

Library and Information Service National Policy, 2009 has been passed by the government. Discussions about the provisions of Board has been carried out.

The Constituent Assembly of Nepal is preparing our new constitution which has incorporated about the issue of library and information centre.

3. Key facts and figures (size of major collections, number of staff, total operating budget, etc).

Presently, the library has about 86,000 volumes of books in different languages. There are 24 staff including para-professional and administrative. Total annual operating budget of the library is about US\$ 75,000.

4. New developments in creating and building collections.

Nepal National Library lacks its own separate building suitable for library and it also lacks depository law in absence of which it couldn't have collect all the national publications. It has been fully utilizing from its available resources and at the same time demanding for more resources to the government.

5. New developments in managing collections.

The library is in the process of using KOHA Integrated Library Software and Greenstone Digital Library Software (GSDL) for automating and creating digital collection. It is planning to create digital library of its thesis and dissertation collection using GSDL.

6. New developments in providing access to collections.

After the use of KOHA and Greenstone software, the library can establish its digital library, through which users can fully exploit its collection.

7. Examples of collaboration between the reporting library and other national collecting institutions (libraries, archives and museums).

A one day workshop on **Governance of Nepal's Heritage in a Federal System** was organized in Kathmandu on November 25, 2009. The Main objective of the workshop was to identify the role of Central Government in Federal System and to discuss about the role and functions of different institutions engaged in proper management of national heritage.

Eight different papers on various aspects like Archives, Libraries, National parks, Museums etc. were presented and discussed during the workshop.

Mr. Dasharath Thapa, Chief of Nepal National Library presented a concept paper on Nepal's public libraries in federal system. He proposed Library Board/National Library at the Central level, State Library Board at each state and local libraries at the local level.